

**COURTROOM MINUTES OF CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS  
NORFOLK DIVISION**

**GUILTY PLEA**

Date: April 12, 2024

Time Set: 11:00 a.m.

Started: 11:05 a.m.

Ended: 11:32 a.m.

Presiding Judge: Elizabeth W. Hanes

Court Reporter: Jill Trail, OCR

U.S. Attorney: Beth Yusi

Defense Counsel: Kirsten Kmet, AFD

Courtroom Deputy: B. Peters

Cr. No. 2:23cr00135-001

Defendant: Maria Reich

     In Custody   X   On Bond

- X   Plea Agreement Hearing.
- X   Defendant sworn.
- X   Court fully advised defendant re proceedings and her rights. Defendant acknowledged she understood.
- X   Court explained charge.
- X   Court explained to defendant that by pleading guilty she waived jury trial.
- X   Defendant satisfied with services and effectiveness of counsel.
- X   Court inquired with counsel re: plea offers.
- X   Court inquired re: voluntariness of plea.
- X   Plea agreement reviewed and filed.
- X   Statement of Facts executed, entered & filed in open court.
- X   Court inquired re: threats or promises.
- X   Policy re: procedures in guideline sentencing furnished to defendant.
- X   Counsel satisfied that accepting terms of plea agreement is in the best interest of the defendant.
- X   Court rearraigns defendant.
- X   Defendant enters plea of guilty to Counts 1 & 8 of the Indictment.
- X   Court ACCEPTS plea and ADJUDGES defendant guilty as charged in Counts 1 & 8 of the Indictment.
- X   Continued for pre-sentence report.
- X   Set for disposition on: August 22, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.
- Defendant remanded to custody of U.S. Marshal.
- X   Defendant continued on present bond.
- X   Court explained that by pleading guilty, defendant waived her right to appeal.
- X   Sentencing Procedures Order executed, entered & filed in open court.
- Consent Order of Forfeiture executed, entered & filed.